

Sam F. Horton Writes Interestingly of the Great Victory.

Mr. D. F. Horton, of Vilas, was in town Monday and handed The Democrat the following letter from his son Sam at Brest, France, the night after the armistice was signed, which is the first we have seen from a Watauga since hostilities ceased. It follows, in part:

"To-day has been the most wonderful day of my life, the day that has seen the downfall of Germany and the success of Right over Might. To write to you of my impressions and feelings would be impossible because I am too full of happiness to express it.

"I must tell you my experiences of this day, perhaps the most historic of all time. To begin with when I went to the door this morning, I saw the most beautiful sunrise I have ever seen and someone standing by my side said, 'See the dawn of Peace,' and the dawn of peace it proved to be. Imagine an expanse of water, filled with a hundred ships with lights ablaze, stars overhead, the sun just beneath the horizon and throwing its light above and around those ships, and you can understand that morning scene. It was great. Then about 8 o'clock news came that Germany had signed the armistice and hostilities would cease at 11 o'clock. You know how I felt then. Went wild about it.

I went to Brest on liberty, and to describe what I saw there would be impossible, but as long as I live it shall never be forgotten. To see the happy faces of French mothers and to hear that oft repeated phrase 'La guerre est finis' was enough to make a smile anywhere. Still I saw other faces not so happy, so many mourning veils and sometimes tears streaming down the faces of aged people as they watched the happy throng and thought about that lonely grave out in Flanders. The bands played, both French and American, everybody paraded streets arm in arm, and the bells, guns and aeroplanes overhead kept up a terrible noise. English, Portuguese, Italian, French and American soldiers and sailors marched through the town singing national songs, beating drums and celebrating in the biggest way. Of course everybody had a girl at least part of the time and oh, the time we had. I finally broke away from the crowd and have just got in. Now I am thinking of home and of how soon I'll be ready to leave for the good old U. S. A. I have put in my application for flight cadet U. S. N. R. C. and my papers are now on their way to Washington with recommendations and everything necessary, so whether anything will come of that now that the war is over I do not know. Any way, I'll see loved ones before so very long.

"Yesterday afternoon while in town I met a friend of W. F. C. He has been on a ship that has made this port since March but this is the first time I've seen him. Couldn't be with him long, because the crowd was terrible."

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FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS. THE CAGACIA, PHOENIX AND ST. LOUIS.

An Explanation Desired.

Mr. Editor: In looking over the Financial Report of the Watauga County Chapter, A. R. C., I was disappointed in not seeing the amount of \$101.10, which I sent in May 25, 1918, which was contributed by the Meat Camp Auxiliary. A great many who contributed to this fund will read the report and, no doubt wonder why it is not reported. I hold receipts for it from Prof. Greer and Miss Pearl Hodges, but have not the opportunity to present them to all the contributors. So, in justice to myself, I beg leave to make this statement through your columns.

M. H. NORRIS.

Had Mr. Norris taken the time and pains to have read the Chairman's note following the Treasurer's report, this trouble would have been eliminated. The amount referred to was raised during the War Fund Drive, receipted for, placed to the credit of the Fund in the Watauga County Bank, and was duly published in these columns at the time. Amounts reported by the treasurer are those received before and after the Drive, and no amount was reported by her that entered into the War Fund, as that was done when received. We hope this explanation will be satisfactory.

R. C. RIVERS, Chm.

Training School News.

Thanksgiving day was observed in a fitting way by the students and teachers of the school. At 11 a. m. an appropriate thanksgiving service was held in the parlors of girl's hall, and was well attended. It was conducted by Prof. Downum and consisted of suitable songs, devotional service, and a talk by the leader. The true spirit of thanksgiving seemed to be present.

The school has bought a grist mill of the Meadows type, and will soon be prepared to serve the public in grinding wheat, rye, buckwheat and corn.

The boys' new dormitory is now under cover, and work is proceeding on the inside.

The Superintendent and Principal are busy getting the bi-annual report of the school ready to present to the Legislature.

We are glad to learn that Miss Farthing has almost recovered from her recent attack of influenza and will soon be able to return to her work.

The School has been adding more coal to the amount already received so as to have its full winter supply before the wintry weather sets in.

Mr. Ed. Allen, Cashier of the First National Bank of Lenoir, called at the campus Thursday.

Our exports since this country entered the war have justified a statement made by the Food Administration shortly after its conception, outlining the principles and policies that would govern the solution of this country's food problems. "The whole foundation of democracy," declared the Food Administration, "lies in the individual initiative of its people and their willingness to serve the interests of the nation with complete self effacement in the time of emergency. Democracy can yield to discipline, and we can solve this food problem for our own people and for the Allies in this way. To have done so will have been a greater service than our immediate objective, for we have demonstrated the righteousness of our faith and our ability to defend ourselves without being Prussianized."

September 2, 1918. G. L. store agent for smith cook 6 00, G. L. store agent for W. E. Robbins 3 00, Z. B. Brown agent for millie walker 6 00, L. M. Hodge agent for G. Yerber 6 00, W. L. Houser agent for Maud Hodges 9 00, A. Harman agent for Fannie Harman 13 50, L. G. Maxwell agent for S. H. Black 15 00, J. T. Hampton agent for N. C. Canter 9 00, J. H. Mast agent for N. & E. Wilson 3 00, A. Watson agent for L. D. Watson 6 00.

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COUNTY EXHIBIT.

J. T. Hampton agent for N. C. Canter 9 00, J. H. Mast agent for N. & E. Wilson 3 00, Alfred Watson agent for L. D. Watson 6 00, T. L. Mast agent for Nancy Bentley 12 00, P. C. Younce agent for Elva Church 4 50, M. B. Blackburn agent for Elbert Horton 12 00, John Watson agent for Charles Sanders 4 50, Noah Mitchell agent for Will Shall 23 00, A. V. Perry agent for N. C. Canter 6 00, T. A. Cox agent for Walter Robbins 3 00, Bob Sluder agent for Thomas Child 3 00, J. Watson agent for John Grer 3 00, J. P. Thomas agent for Henry Ward 4 50, M. L. McNeil agent for Floyd McNeil 4 50, T. A. Cox agent for Avery Watson 4 50, M. A. Shelton agent for Betsy Martin 9 00, L. M. Hodges agent for Chas. Aldridge 7 50, C. D. Taylor agent for Emeline Farthing 6 00, W. J. Farthing agent for Raue Ward 9 00, Butler Miller agent for Mrs. Shelton 15 00, T. A. Cox agent for G. L. Watson 4 50, Frank Vines agent for Julia G'enn 9 00, Duke Ward agent for Riley Presnell 6 00, W. L. Houser agent for M. Hodges' children 12 00, W. L. Houser agent for Winfield Gilley 10 00, J. B. Miller agent for Cornelia Reese 15 00, Levi Norman county aid 6 00, A. L. Fox 6 00, Katie Yerber 6 00, David Hodges 9 00, Hardie Hicks 3 00, C. and M. Barges 6 00, J. H. Brown keeping county home 96 00, W. C. Bennett burial of R. G. Bennett, soldier 19 00, W. P. Moody lund bid in for county 312 53, Dr. J. W. Jones county physician 25 50, John Earp court house janitor 2 00, W. R. G. G. Clerk for board of county commissioners 31 83, J. T. Hendrix taking lunatic to hospital 25 00, W. P. Moody keeping jail 64 75, Edwards & Broughton supplies for county 2 71, R. M. Greene refunded taxes 1917, 1 50, Mrs. T. B. Fletcher burial of T. B. Fletcher soldier 20 00.

July 1, 1918. W. D. Farthing recording polls lunacy papers etc 13 80, J. H. Brown keeping county home 96 00, Watauga Printing Co printing for county 3 50, John Earp court house janitor 2 00, J. M. Moretz chm co bd elections 17 24, J. L. Tatum registrar of elections 12 00, J. S. Williams registrar of elections 12 12, J. W. Bryan registrar of elections 10 36, J. J. Michael judge of elections 2 00, J. Watson judge of elections 2 00, S. J. Hodges burial expenses of W. M. Hodges soldier 20 00, W. P. Moody keeping jail 109 06, E. F. Lovell member of pension board 2 00, W. M. Hodges member of pension board 2 00, J. W. Horton member of pension board 2 00, W. D. Farthing clerk to pension board 2 00, S. S. Rogers registrar of election 10 00, R. L. Benson judge of election 4 00, P. P. Moretz registrar of election 12 00, J. M. South registrar of election 12 00, G. W. Caudill registrar of elections 12 21, M. R. Wilson judge of elections 2 00, R. A. Thomas judge of elections 2 00, A. G. Wilson county aid to Harrison Greene 30 00, T. W. Rominger listing taxes in Shawneahaw township 12 00, D. J. Cottrell supplies for jail 3 47, Dr. J. W. Jones county physician 20 50.

August 5, 1918. J. H. Brown keeping county home 96 00, Mrs. E. A. Dyer burial of D. C. Dyer soldier 19 00, Dr. J. W. Jones county physician for July 11 25, Edwards & Broughton records for county 64 56, D. J. Cottrell supplies for jail 1 90, W. D. Farthing summons watauga vs Avery 2 75, W. P. Moody keeping jail 89 15, J. C. Mast phone rent to Oct 20 1918 24 00.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF WATAUGA AND YADKIN RIVER RAILROAD.

In the District court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, sitting in equity. W. W. Beaty, F. D. Freeborn, F. D. Freeborn, Trustee, De Los Dooliver and Thrall and Shea, et al Plaintiffs.

VS Grandin Lumber Company, and the Watauga and Yadkin River Railroad Company. Defendants. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a decree in the above entitled cause, made and filed by the Hon. James E. Boyd, United States District Judge, dated September 30, 1918, and to a supplemental decree made and filed by said Judge and dated October 26, 1918, both of which are duly entered in the records of the Clerk of said court at Greensboro, N. Carolina, the undersigned, commissioners in said decree named, will in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in said decree and supplemental decree; and in accordance with the directions thereof, sell at public auction to the best and highest bidder or bidders at the courthouse door in the Town of Wilkesboro in the county of Wilkes and State of North Carolina on

TUESDAY THE 17th DAY OF DECEMBER A. D. 1918, at the hour of 1:30 o'clock p. m. as an entirety the property described in said decree as follows: "The Watauga & Yadkin River Railroad Company and all of its property, effects, rights and franchises, including its line of railroad from North Wilkesboro North Carolina, at which point it connects with branch of the Southern Railway, thence in a general westerly direction, along the valley of the Yadkin River to a point near the mouth of Elk Creek, thence in a northwesterly direction along the valley of Elk Creek to the present terminus of said railroad near a settlement called Darby North Carolina, also including the line of railroad from the point where the railroad turns up the Elk Creek Valley to the town of Grandin, North Carolina, in the Valley of Kings Creek, together with all branch railroad rights, side tracks, depots, depot sites, lease holds, trackage interests or rights, all rolling stock and equipment, and appurtenances of the above described railway all telegraph and telephone lines, including all poles, wires and instruments, rights of way, station and depot grounds, all tunnels, road beds, spurs, turn outs, switches, sidings, and turn tables, superstructures, bridges stringers ties, rails, frogs, chains, bolts, splices and other railroad appurtenances, all terminals and terminal properties: all station houses, warehouses freight houses; engine houses, car houses; water stations, water tanks, rights; water supplies, machine shops and other structures, all engines, tenders, cars and other rolling stock and equipment; all furniture, machinery; tools, implements, materials and supplies and all other property, real, personal and mixed, appurtenant to any of said railroad or belonging to said railroad company and all tolls, revenues, earnings, income, rents; issues, and profits thereof, and also all the estate right; title, interest; property possession claim and demand whatsoever as well in law as in equity of said railroad company, of in and to said railroad premises and property and every part and parcel thereof; with the appurtenances and the franchises appertaining or hereafter to appertain thereto and any and all property, real or personal of every kind and description, together with all and singular the claims, contracts, choses in action rights and demands of said railroad and its receiver and any and all corporate rights, privileges and franchises which said railroad company under its charter or other wise now has or hereafter may or shall acquire; possess, exercise or be entitled to exercise in or upon or in respect of such railway or any part thereof and also all of the rights which it may enjoy under its charter and franchises and all rights, privileges franchises and properties real or personal which the railroad company may or shall have hereafter possession or become entitled to possess for the purpose of or in connection with said railway telegraph and telephone lines."

Said sale will be made subject to confirmation by the court as set forth in said decree and supplemental decree and subject to all of the other terms and conditions and directions in respect of said sale set forth in said decree and supplemental decree. Dated November 11th 1918. W. J. GRANDIN MELVIN M. HAWLEY Commissioners.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION. North Carolina, Watauga County in the matter of Rufus Ray, deceased. Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Rufus Ray, deceased, late of the county of Watauga, N. C. this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit them before the undersigned at Boone, N. C., on or before the 30th day of Oct. 1919, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This October 30, 1918. G. J. COTTRELL, Administrator

Administrators Notice. North Carolina, Watauga Co., In the matter of W. G. Reese dec'd. Having qualified as administrators of the estate of W. G. Reese deceased, late of the Co. of Watauga, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Boone, N. C. in the Clerk's office on or before the 30th day of Sept. 1919, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to this estate will please make immediate payment. This 30th day of Sept 1918. SMITH HAGAMAN, W. F. REESE, Admsrs. J. H. BINGHAM, Atty.

Ladies' Coat Suits

We have a complete assortment of Ladies Coat Suits and Long Coats, in black, copenhagen, navy and green, and all the latest styles, ranging in price: COAT SUITS, \$15.00, \$20.00, 22.50, and \$25.00 LONG COATS, \$5.00 to \$25.00

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EAST TENNESSEE & WESTERN CAROLINA RAILROAD COMPANY LINVILLE RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY Time Table No. 81, In Effect 6:00 A. M., Monday, October 28, 1918, Central Standard Time

Table with columns for EASTWARD and WESTWARD, showing train numbers, times, and stations. Includes stations like Johnson City, Milligan College, Watauga Point, Sycamore Shoals, Elizabethton, Coal Chute, Valley Forge, Hampton, Pardee Point, Blevins, White Rock, Crabtree, Roan Mountain, Shell Creek, Elk Park, Cranberry.

Trains 1, 2, 3 and 4 run daily and carry mail and passengers. Trains 6 and 7 are mixed trans and run daily except Sunday and holidays and carry passengers. Westbound trains have right of track over trains of same or inferior class. No train must follow another closer than five minutes. Speed limit five miles per hour between Cranberry Wye and Water Tank. Inferior trains clear track five minutes before arriving time of other trains. GEO. W. HARDIN, V.P. and Gen. Mgr.

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